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1. [REDACTED] reports that the Russians believe the Norwegian defense plan for Finnmark to be as follows:

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- a. A weak line in Pasvikdalen whose task would be to delay the Russians' immediate advance.
- b. A line from Meidenfjord along Munkelven to the Finnish border.
- c. A defense line between Tanafjord and Tanak.
- d. A battle for Tanak airfield to be taken up at Okoganvarre.
- e. Guerrilla warfare to commence after defeat of the Norwegian forces.

- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] Further states that the Russian plan of attack, based on the above defenses, is as follows:

- a. The main push will go from Salla, Finland over Rovaniemi, Finland toward Skibotn, Norway.
- b. Next a push will be directed from Vienttinen, Finland to Inari, Finland where the attack will divide itself into three spearheads, one toward Utsjok, Finland, one over Karasjok, Norway toward Barak and one toward Kautokeino over Angeli (sic).
- c. In Kautokeino the last force will unite with a branch of the forces which are moving toward Skibotn, and together they will move toward Alta.
- d. The forces in the Utsjok sector will attack the Varanger Battalion in the rear.

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- e. The forces in the Banak sector will take the airfield and force the Alta Battalion to flee.
 - f. In conjunction with this plan of attack, it is proposed that light Russian naval vessels will attack Norwegian coastal towns.
3. The Russian arguments for directing the attack toward Finnmark via Virtaniemi and Inari are, according to the informant,
- a. that Finnish divisions in Ivalo would thus be cut off from border posts,
 - b. that battle would be avoided at the bridge places over Ivalojoiki (at Ivalo) and at Joenjoki (at Inari), and
 - c. that supply lines would be shorter than, for example, at Raja Joosseppi (sic).
4. The Russians have storm boats and a good harbor in Virtaniemi, and they have accurately photographed the bay at Inari.

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